



THE NATIVITY *of*  
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST



December 24, 2024, 8 pm and 10:30 pm  
Christ Church Charlotte



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## CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Welcome to worship in your Spiritual Home.  
Special greetings to our visitors! We invite you to chat with one of our clergy, check in with a greeter,  
or email [visitor@christchurchcharlotte.org](mailto:visitor@christchurchcharlotte.org) so we can connect with you.

This bulletin is designed for use with the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) and Hymnal in your pew rack. Text in ***bold italics*** is read aloud or sung by the congregation. Text in *regular italics* provides directions or details.

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### Choral Prelude

### The Salutation Carol

Alan Gibbs

*Refrain: Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell!*  
*This is the salutation of the angel Gabriel.*

Tidings true there be come new, sent from the Trinity  
By Gabriel to Nazareth, city of Galilee.  
“A clean maiden, a pure virgin, by her humility  
Shall now conceive the Person second in deity.”

*Refrain*

When that he presented was before her fair visage,  
In most demure and goodly wise He did to her homage;  
And said, “Lady, from heaven so high, that Lordes  
heritage, For he of thee now born will be;  
I’m sent on his message.”

*Refrain*

“Hail, virgin celestial, the meekest that ever was!  
Hail, temple of the Deity! Hail, mirror of all grace!  
Hail, virgin pure! I thee ensure, within in a little space  
Thou shalt conceive, and him receive that shall bring  
great solace.”

*Refrain*

Then bespake the maid again and answered womanly,  
“Whate’er my Lord commandeth me I will obey truly.”  
With “Ecce sum humillima ancilla domini;  
Secundum verbum tuum.” She said, “Fiat mihi.”

*Refrain*

### Hodie

Nyi Nyi Myin

<i>Hodie Christus natus est:</i>	Today Christ is born:
<i>Hodie Salvator apparuit:</i>	Today the Savior appears:
<i>Hodie in terra canunt Angeli,</i>	Today the angels sing on earth,
<i>Laetantur Archangeli</i>	And the Archangels rejoice.
<i>Hodie exsultant justi, dicentes:</i>	Today the just exult, saying:
<i>Gloria in excelsis Deo. Alleluia.</i>	Glory to God in the highest. Alleluia.

### Sing we now of Christmas

Kyle Pderson

Sing we now of Christmas, Noel sing we here.  
Hearts in expectation, Noel drawing near.  
Sing we Noel, Noel, Noel,  
Sing we now of Christmas, sing we now Noel.

In stillness lays the world in silent reverie;  
Longing for the birth of love and mercy.  
Yearning for hope, good news to fill our souls;  
Turning to the manger that grounds all mystery.

Angels bending low, shepherds bend their knee,  
Wisemen from the east, all have come the child to see.  
All of creation where love has come to dwell;  
Sing we now of Christmas, the good news that we tell.

Sing Noel!

## God rest ye merry gentlemen

arr. Owen Peck

God rest ye merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay!  
Remember, Christ, our Savior was born on Christmas day,  
to save us all from Satan's power when we were gone astray.  
Oh tidings of comfort and joy!

In Bethlehem, in Israel, this blessed babe was born,  
and laid within a manger upon this blessed morn,  
the which his mother Mary did nothing take in scorn.  
Oh tidings of comfort and joy!

From God our heavenly Father a blessed angel came,  
and unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same:  
how that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name.  
Oh tidings of comfort and joy!

"Fear not," then said the Angel, "let nothing you affright.  
This day is born a Savior of a pure virgin bright,  
to free all those who trust in him from Satan's power and might."  
Oh tidings of comfort and joy!

The shepherds at those tidings rejoiced much in mind,  
and left their flocks a-feeding in tempest, storm, and wind,  
and went to Bethlehem straightway the Son of God to find.  
Oh tidings of comfort and joy!

And when they came to Bethlehem, where our dear Savior lay,  
they found him in a manger, where oxen feed on hay.  
His mother Mary, kneeling down unto the Lord, did say,  
"Oh tidings of comfort and joy!"

## Tomorrow shall be my dancing day

John Gardner

Tomorrow shall be my dancing day:  
I would my true love did so chance  
To see the legend of my play,  
To call my true love to my dance;  
*Refrain: Sing O my love, O my love, my love, my love;  
This have I done for my true love.*

Then was I born of a virgin pure,  
Of her I took fleshly substance;  
Thus was I knit to man's nature,  
To call my true love to my dance;  
*Refrain*

In a manger laid and wrapped I was,  
So very poor this was my chance,  
Betwixt an ox and a silly poor ass,  
To call my true love to my dance;  
*Refrain*

Then afterwards baptized I was;  
The Holy Ghost on me did glance,  
My Father's voice heard from above,  
To call my true love to my dance;  
*Refrain*

For my true love.

## Opening Hymn 83 O come, all ye faithful

Adeste Fideles, arr. David Willcocks

1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O  
2. God from God, Light e - ter - nal,  
3. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,  
4. See how the shep - herds, sum - moned to his cra - dle,  
5. Child, for us sin - ners poor and in the man - ger,  
6. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py mor - ning,

1. come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;  
2. lo! he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb;  
3. sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of hea - ven a - bove;  
4. leav - ing their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;  
5. we would em - brace thee, with love and awe;  
6. Je - sus, to thee be all glo - ry given;

1. come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;  
2. on - ly be - got - ten Son of the Fa - ther;  
3. glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est;  
4. we too will thith - er bend our joy - ful foot - steps;  
5. who would not love thee, lov - ing us so dear - ly?  
6. Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing;

*Refrain*  
O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,  
O come, let us a - dore him, Christ, the Lord.

## THE WORD OF GOD

### The Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**People:** *And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.*

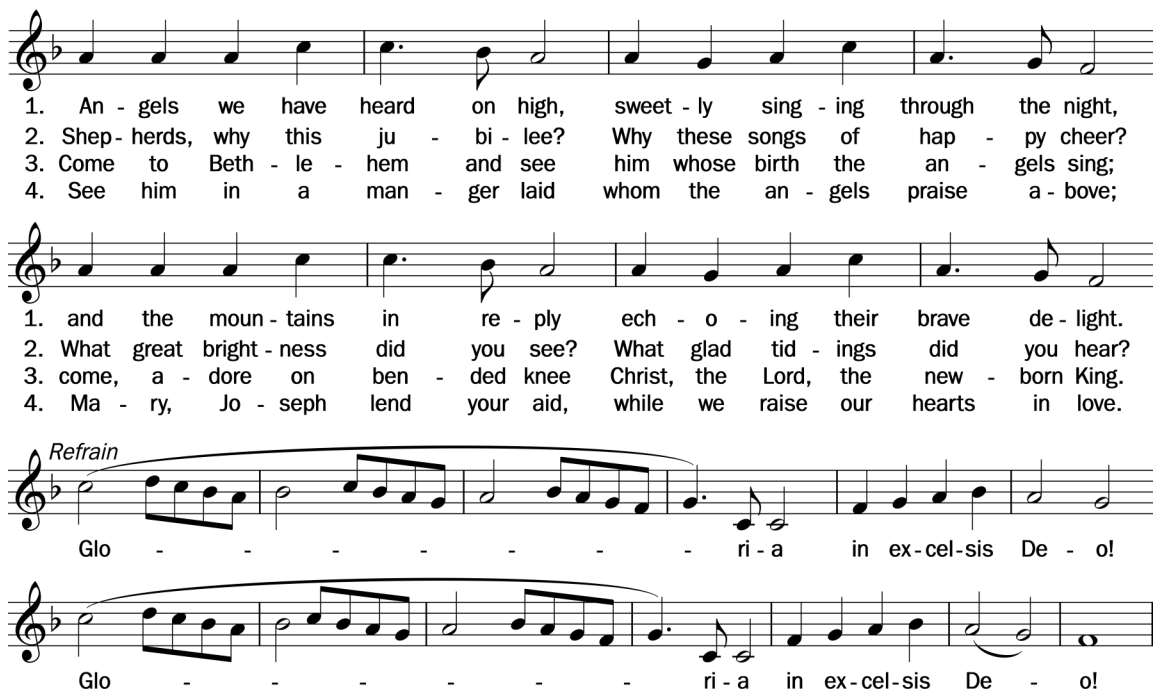
### The Collect for Purity

BCP 355

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Gloria, Hymn 96 Angels we have heard on high

Gloria



1. An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing through the night,  
2. Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?  
3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;  
4. See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;

1. and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.  
2. What great bright - ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?  
3. come, a - dore on ben - ded knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.  
4. Ma - ry, Jo - seph lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

*Refrain*  
Glo - - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!

Glo - - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!

### The Collect of the Day

BCP 213

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People:** *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

### The First Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People:** *Thanks be to God.*

1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!  
 2 For Christ is born of Ma - ry; and gath - ered all a - bove,  
 3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is given!  
 \*4 Where child - ren pure and hap - py pray to the bless - ed Child,  
 5 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;

1 A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by;  
 2 while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - dering love.  
 3 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heaven.  
 4 where mis - er - y cries out to thee, Son of the mo - ther mild;  
 5 cast out our sin and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.

1 yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing Light;  
 2 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth!  
 3 No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,  
 4 where char - i - ty stands watch - ing and faith holds wide the door,  
 5 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;

1 the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.  
 2 and prais - es sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.  
 3 where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.  
 4 the dark night wakes, the glo - ry breaks, and Christ - mas comes once more.  
 5 O come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el!

**The Gospel: Luke 2:1-20**

Clergy: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see— I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Clergy: The Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## The Sermon

The Reverend Allen Pruitt (8 pm service)  
The Reverend Joan Kilian (10:30 pm service)

## The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

***We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.***

***We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.***

***We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.***

## The Christmas Prayers of the People

Reader: O God, we give thanks for the angel's message of joy for all people.

**People: Make us messengers of your love and peace.**

Reader: We pray that, like Mary, we may have faith to answer yes to your call to ministry.

**People: Make us servants of your grace.**

Reader: We pray for those who are alone or lonely and those who grieve an empty cradle or chair at the table.

**People: May they be comforted by the presence of Christ in their lives.**

Reader: We pray for those who are poor, hungry, homeless, sick, and suffering.

**People: Make us generous innkeepers who share all we have with them.**

Reader: We pray that you will guide us to Jesus to whom we may offer our gifts.

**People: Help us to seek and worship only you.**

Reader: We join the chorus of heavenly angels rejoicing in the birth of our Savior.

**People: Glory to God in heaven and peace to all on earth. Amen.**

## The Peace

BCP 360

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People: And also with you.**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### The Offertory (seated)

*The Outreach & Mission Commission of Christ Church has designated this year's Christmas Offerings to support the work of Proverbs226, Roof Above, and Nourish Up. Proverbs226 is committed to healing families affected by parental incarceration. Roof Above is a comprehensive homeless service provider serving 1,200 people per day. Nourish Up provides groceries and meals to more than 200,000 people in Mecklenburg County facing food insecurity.*

*All Christmas donations support these organizations. If you would like to make a gift using the "I Gave Online" cards, select "Holy Days Offering, Christmas" from the drop down menu. We thank you for the transformational power of your generosity.*

My soul doth magnify the Lord,  
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden.  
For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.  
And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations.

He hath shewed strength with his arm.  
He hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.  
He hath put down the mighty from their seat  
and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things.  
And the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel  
as he promised to our forefathers Abraham, and his seed forever. Amen.

**Presentation Hymn 109** The first Nowell

*The First Nowell*

1. The first Now - ell the an - gel did say  
2. They look - ed up and saw a star  
3. And by the light of that same star

1. was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay;  
2. shin - ing in the east be - yond them far;  
3. three wise men came from coun - try far;

1. in fields as they lay, keep - ing their sheep,  
2. and to the earth it gave great light,  
3. to seek for a King was their in - tent,

1. on a cold win - ter's night that was so deep.  
2. and so it con - tin - ued both day and night.  
3. and to fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went.

*Refrain*  
No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,  
Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

**The Great Thanksgiving** (standing)

BCP 367

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant, faces them and says*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*This Proper Preface is said by the Celebrant,*

Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Sanctus S-130** Holy, holy, holy Lord

Franz Schubert

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, \_\_\_\_\_

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, \_\_\_\_\_

hea - ven and earth are full, \_\_\_\_\_ full \_\_\_\_\_ of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes \_\_\_\_\_ in the name of the Lord. \_\_\_\_\_

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The people may stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues,*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all, presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**



## The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

***Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.***

## The Breaking of the Bread

BCP 364

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

***People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

## The Communion

*All are invited to receive the bread and wine of Holy Communion. Wine is served from a common cup, from which you may drink or intinct. Gluten free wafers are available at the altar rail.*

## Communion Hymn 81 Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming

Es ist ein Ros

1 Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom-ing from ten - der stem hath sprung!  
2 I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, the Rose I have in mind,  
\* 3 O Flower, whose fra - grance ten - der with sweet - ness fills the air,  
Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing as seers of old have sung,  
with Ma - ry we be - hold it, the Vir - gin Mo - ther kind.  
dis - pel in glo - rious splen - dor the dark - ness ev - ery - where;  
It came, a blos - som bright, a - mid the  
To show God's love a - right, she bore to  
true man, yet ve - ry God, from sin and  
cold of win - ter, when half spent was the night.  
us a Sa - vior, when half spent was the night.  
death now save us, and share our ev - ery load.

*O magnum mysterium* O great mystery  
*et admirabile sacramentum,* and wonderful sacrament,  
*ut animalia viderent Dominum natum* that animals should see the new-born Lord  
*jacentem in praesepe.* lying in a manger!  
*O beata Virgo, cujus viscera meruerunt* O blessed is the Virgin, whose womb  
*portare Dominum Jesum Christum.* was worthy to bear Christ the Lord.  
*Ave Maria, gratia plena: Dominus tecum.* Hail Mary, full of grace: the Lord is with you.  
*O beata Virgo, cujus viscera meruerunt* Blessed is the Virgin whose womb  
*portare Dominum Jesum Christum.* was worthy to bear Christ the Lord.  
*Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Communion Hymn 112 In the bleak midwinter

Cranham



1 In the bleak mid - win - ter, frost - y wind made moan,  
2 Our God, heaven can - not hold him, nor — earth sus - tain;  
3 An - gels and arch - an - gels may have gath - ered there,  
4 What — can I give him, poor — as I am?

earth stood hard as i - ron, wa - ter like a stone;  
heaven and earth shall flee a - way when he comes to reign:  
cher - u - bim and se - ra - phim throng - ed the air;  
If I were a shep - herd, I would bring a lamb;

snow had fal - len, snow on snow, snow — on — snow,  
in the bleak mid - win - ter a sta - ble - place suf - ficed  
but his mo - ther on - ly, in her maid - en bliss,  
if I were a wise — man, I would do my part;

in the bleak mid - win - ter, long a - go.  
the Lord — God in - car - nate, Je - sus Christ.  
wor - shipped the be - lov - ed with a kiss.  
yet what I can I give him— give my heart.

Following Communion, lights will dim and candles will be lighted for the singing of Silent Night.  
All who are able are invited to kneel for singing and the Postcommunion Prayer.

**Communion Hymn 111** Silent night, holy night

Stille Nacht, arr. Shaw Parker



Choir 1. Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm, all is bright  
 ALL 2. Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake at the sight,  
 3. Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God, love's pure light,

1. 'round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child; ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild,  
 2. glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far, heaven - ly hosts sing al - le - lu - ia;  
 3. ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face, with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,

1. sleep in hea - ven - ly peace, sleep in hea - ven - ly peace.  
 2. Christ, the Sa - vior, is born! Christ, the Sa - vior, is born!  
 3. Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth, Je - sus Lord, at thy birth.

**The Postcommunion Prayer** (standing or kneeling)

BCP 366

**Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

**The Blessing****Closing Hymn 87** Hark! the herald angels sing

Mendelssohn



1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!  
 2. Christ, by high - est heaven a - dored; Christ, the e - ver - las - ting Lord;  
 3. Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

1. Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners re - con - ciled!  
 2. late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.  
 3. born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

1. Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;  
 2. Veiled in flesh the God - head see; hail th'in - car - nate De - i - ty.  
 3. Risen with heal - ing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,

1. with th'an - ge - lic hosts pro - claim Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!  
 2. Pleased as man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!  
 3. hail, the Sun of Right - eous - ness! hail, the heaven - born Prince of Peace!

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!

**The Dismissal**

*The clergy says a dismissal.*

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude** Symphonie 1, Finale

Louis Vierne

# MEMORIALS & THANKSGIVINGS

The poinsettias on the Church altar are given to the glory of God, in celebration of the birth of Christ, and in loving memory of our son, Angus Clement Mays, by his parents, Jennifer Bennett and Douglas Mays, and siblings, Rain and Duncan Mays.

The poinsettias on the Chapel altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jim Trigg, Bob Trigg, Julia Tenk, and Mary Jane Scribner by Karen and Merritt Trigg.

The garland over the Sanctuary door is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Vernon and Helen Scarborough by their family.

The wreaths and garlands on the choir balcony are given in loving memory of William R. Cooper Sr., William Hugh Cooper, Bertha Jones Cooper, Edward Colville Griffith, Frances Rudy Griffith, Edward Colville Griffith, Jr., David Griffith, Frances Griffith Rankin, James Rudy Griffith, Anne Bailey Middleton, and Winston Conner Paschall by Sally Cooper.

The Advent wreath in the Church is given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for Kaky Cassada, Scott Geyer, Ginger Kurtz, Helen Godwin, Brad Robinson, Anne Cullen, Michael Murphy, Margaretta Leary, and all the wonderful altar guild volunteers.

The greenery in the windows in the Church narthex is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Henry Carrington Coulter and David Lowrance Harry IV.

The candles in the Church windows are given in loving memory of John and Greer Yorke by Greer's dear friends.

The Advent wreath in All Saints' Hall is given in memory of Lee Powell, Jr., Kim Powell Lane, Mavis Brooks Powell, Emory Mead Torrey, Christopher Kelly Cooney, and James P. Cooney, Jr. by Lee and Andy Cooney.

The poinsettias on the altar in All Saints' Hall are given to the Glory of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, in celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ, our Savior, and in thanksgiving for their family and friends, and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. J. Clarence Leary, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. John T. Minges, David Roland Minges and Ann Stephanie Rosman by the Joe Leary Family.

## WREATH & POINSETTIA MEMORIALS To the glory of God and in memory of - given by

**The Reverend Dr. David Anderson** - Ginger and Judson McAdams  
**Mr. and Mrs. John Huske Anderson** - Gray and Bill White and family  
**John L. Armistead, Jr.** - Julie and John Armistead and Susan Armistead  
**Mary D. Armistead** - Julie and John Armistead and Susan Armistead  
**Ed Clement and John Banwell** - The Banwell family  
**Ann Nicoll Baynard** - Tori, Dave, Alex, Zach, and Abbie Kern  
**Mr. and Mrs. Harry Anderson Berry, Jr.** - Their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren  
**Christy Betler** - Christy-Anne and Christopher Robert  
**Grand D, Mimi and Bob, Nana and Bill Jacobs** - Their family  
**Ryan Binns** - The Buchanan family  
**Martha and Lou Bledsoe** - The Bledsoe family  
**Margaret Marie Bledsoe** - The Bledsoe family  
**Sean P. Bonner, Jr.** - The Bonner family  
**Dr. and Mrs. M.D. Bonner** - Louise and Jim Bonner and family  
**Cornelia Young Branch** - Eleanor Roper  
**Nancy Brewer** - Celia Sinclair, Anna and Sally Spencer Marshall  
**Ann English Kearns Brooks** - Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Seay Brooks, Mary Hill, and Thurman  
**Claire Giddeons Brown** - Brian, Emily, Claire, and Merrill Richards  
**Fred Brown** - Lila L. Brown  
**Mary Hill Moffitt Campbell** - Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Seay Brooks, Mary Hill, and Thurman  
**Michael John Chagares**  
**Bahati Chanja** - Geoffrey, Kimberly, and Oliver Mize  
**Our parents: Anne Springs Close and Claude Armstrong Plumlee, Jr.** - Derick and Sallie Close  
**Sam Cochran** - The Bonner family

**John Council** - Josh and Julie Smith  
**Robert Coxey, Bea Coxey, Diane Coxey, and Gilmer Lethco Murdock, Jr.** - Mary Beth and Steve Woodard  
**Luanne D. Crehore** - Ann, John, and Thomas Crehore, and Mary Carlisle and Casey McMahan  
**Mary Zimmerman Criswell** - Cam, Spencer, Briant, and Wells Buchanan  
**Jennifer Crispen** - Ginger and Judson McAdams  
**The Reverend Dr. David Anderson** - Ginger and Judson McAdams  
**William F. Dean, Jr.** - David and Kathleen Dean  
**Stuart Ridgely DeWhitt** - His family  
**Alan T. Dickson** - Mary Anne Dickson, Chase Wood, and Chris Avery  
**Robert Thomas Dooley III** - The Dooley family  
**Mr. and Mrs. Clyde L. Eldridge** - The Wolcott family  
**Katherine Scott Eldridge** - The Wolcott family  
**Nancy Nealon Ellis** - Mary and Joe Kluttz  
**Joanne Randa Estes** - Larry and Brooke Estes  
**Hilda Sloan Farrar** - Ann Seagle  
**Meriwether Hill Fentress** - Charlotte and John Wickham  
**Robert Foley** - The Moore and Atwater families  
**Ellen F. Gibson** - Melissa, Bryan, and Jack Estes  
**Marcia Gilbert** - The Whiteside and Gilbert families  
**Marcia Gilbert** - Neely, Brooks, Grady, Blair, and Maggie Whiteside  
**Gloria Louise Graffeo** - Taylor and Sean McClure-Skelton  
**Carol and Fred Green** - The Bledsoe family  
**Salem Gregory** - Heather and Sean Bonner  
**Arthur S. Hancock** - Julie and John Armistead and Susan Armistead  
**Florence and Jake Hanes** - The Sasz family  
**Frances Hewitt** - Dane, Christian, Whit, and Elouise Bohnstedt

**Ray and Mary Higgins** - Andrea and Sandy Bierce  
**Van Hill** - Kate Hill  
**Robert Matthews Hopkins** - Caroline, Thomas, and Liza  
**Anne Bumgardner Horne** - The Horne and Dooley families  
**Earl and Grace Hoskins** - Karen Hoskins  
**James Gorman Houston, Jr.** - Stuart and Martha Bonner and family  
**Louise and Jim Howard** - Anne and Robert Stolz and family  
**Reuben Hufham** - Genie Hufham  
**William Walker Humphries** - Chris, Taylor, and Olivia Severs  
**William Walker Humphries** - Turner and Nora Humphries  
**William Walker Humphries** - Walker and Jane Humphries  
**William Humphries** - Derick and Sallie Close  
**Kathryn Hyer** - The Frederick family  
**Harry Ingle** - Josh and Julie Smith  
**Grand D, Mimi and Bob, Nana and Bill Jacobs**  
**Joel T. Keys, Priest** - Nick and Diana White  
**Nathan Kocmond** - The Bonner family  
**Mr. and Mrs. N.J. Kramer** - Jack and Linda Kramer  
**Mariana Kuester** - Amy Kuester  
**Faison Kuester** - Amy Kuester  
**Dean and Betty Lakin** - Geoffrey, Kimberly, and Oliver Mize  
**Erwin, Lila, and Tucker Laxton** - Lila L. Brown  
**Owen and Anne-Marie Lee, and Florence Anne**  
**Cornelia T. Linde** - Her family  
**Warren H. Linde** - His family  
**Albert Lindemann, Jr.** - Al, Ellie, Thomas, and Patrick  
**Elizabeth (Bess) Harrell Little** - The Anders and Templeton families  
**Jennifer Caroline Lorenz** - Carol and Bill Lorenz  
**Frank, Dick, Brian, and Andrew** - Carol and Bill Lorenz  
**John H. Lowe** - Cathy, Mary Henley, and Sara  
**Frank Robbins Lowe, Jr. & John Hargrave Lowe** - Sara Lowe and family  
**Aimee Estes Lowery** - Larry and Brooke Estes  
**Perry Lucas** - Carrie and Ian Banwell  
**Mr. and Mrs. J. Wilson Malloy, Jr.** - Louise and Jim Bonner and family  
**Russell E. Marshall** - Mary Beth Woodard  
**Marianna Mason** - Derick and Sallie Close  
**Lee Mastin** - Garrett and Majorie Mastin  
**William Hardison McGoogan** - Anne, Will, Laura, William, Stuart, and Logan McGoogan  
**Maryglyn and Wally McGraw** - Martha McKaughn  
**John Scott McGaw** - Margaret, John, Scott, Caroline, and Catherine Switzer  
**Caroline Eloise McMahan** - Theresa and Paul Gibson  
**Caroline Eloise McMahan** - Mom, Dad, Shep, and Frazier  
**Burch Mixon** - Derick and Sallie Close  
**Ronnie Mize** - Geoffrey, Kimberly, and Oliver Mize  
**Her mother, Ann Watts Moses** - Susan Peters  
**Robert Coxey, Bea Coxey, Diane Coxey, and Gilmer Lethco Murdock, Jr.** - Mary Beth and Steve Woodard  
**Betty and Jim Nash** - Their family  
**Aimee Norman** - John, Lucy, Allie, and Katie  
**Barbara Reid Norman** - Brian, Emily, Claire, and Merrill Richards  
**Rock and Brandy Poisson and John Anderson Norman, Sr.** - John, Lucy, Allie, and Katie  
**Anderson Page** - Josh and Julie Smith  
**Richard Granville Parkhurst** - Dick, Betsy, Lindsey, Graves, Stewart, Lanier, and Sallie  
**Richard Granville Parkhurst, Sr.** - Derick and Sallie Close  
**George Terrell Lathrop and Lauren Allan Parrott** - Sarah, Tony, Ted, and Henry Lathrop, and Heyward and Dan Mainous

**Winston C. Paschall** - Fred Paschall  
**His mother, Mary H. Peters** - Geoff Peters  
**Barbara Piekutowski** - Ian, Amanda, Davis, John, and Reid Piekutowski  
**Claude Plumlee** - Derick and Sallie Close  
**Claude Armstrong Plumlee, Jr.** - Dick, Betsy, Lindsey, Graves, Stewart, Lanier, and Sallie  
**Craig Poeppelman** - Bates and Emily Adiar  
**Rock and Brandy Poisson** - Martha Jane Poisson  
**Bryan Carrington Pritchett** - His parents, Pam and David Pritchett  
**Butch Reynolds** - Victoria Reynolds  
**Jo and Pinkney Rankin** - The Sasz family  
**Jo and Pinkney Rankin** - Virginia and Bill Wynn  
**Jo and Pinkney Rankin** - Jennifer and Vic Grainger  
**Charles Stoddard Richards** - Brian, Emily, Clair, and Merrill Richards  
**Stanley Riggins** - The Whiteside and Gilbert families  
**Stanley Riggins** - Neely, Brooks, Grady, Blair, and Maggie Whiteside  
**Dr. Allison Thomas Rose** - Her Ranson cousins  
**Marion Hanes Rutsch** - The Sasz family  
**Sally Sasz** - Her family  
**Cheryl Ann Saunders** - Stephen, Kathryn, Eliza, and Kate Saunders  
**John Goodloe Saunders** - Stephen, Kathryn, Eliza, and Kate Saunders  
**Beth Sawyer** - Her family  
**Benjy Seagle** - Ann Seagle  
**Jane Balch Smith** - Michael and Mason Smith and family  
**Gibson Lock Smith, Jr.** - Michael and Mason Smith, and family  
**Mr. and Mrs. W.O. Spiess** - Jack and Linda Kramer  
**Lauren Elaine Stansberry** - Randy and Elaine Stansberry  
**Irwin Stolz** - Anne and Robert Stolz and family  
**David Stovall, Jr.** - His loving family  
**Arlene Tomer Switzer** - Margaret, John, Scott, Caroline, and Catherine Switzer  
**Gerald McKee Switzer** - Margaret, John, Scott, Caroline, and Catherine Switzer  
**Edward Tennent Taylor II**  
**Elizabeth and Edward Taylor** - Kate Hill  
**Judy Taylor** - Nick and Diana White  
**Jane McAdams Thompson** - Lynne, Judd, and all of her cousins  
**Kathleen and Lewis Thompson** - Katy Thompson and John Carlson  
**Ann and Bill Trotter** - Will and Dorothy Trotter  
**R. Read Tull** - Sarah Tull  
**Buddy Vaughn** - The Vaughn family  
**Harrold Vaughn** - The Vaughn family  
**Steven Vaughn** - Caroline, Allen, and Anne Lee  
**Howard E. Virkler** - Joanna Virkler  
**Marshall and Patricia Ware** - Their family  
**Eleanor Waterfill** - Will and Dorothy Trotter  
**Robert Waterfill** - Will and Dorothy Trotter  
**Tom and Sue White** - Their family  
**Mr. and Mrs. William Garner White III** - Gray and Bill White and family  
**William (Bill) Alexander Whiteside** - The Whiteside family  
**Bill Whiteside** - Neely, Brooks, Grady, Blair, and Maggie Whiteside  
**Ida Robinson Wickham** - Charlotte and John Wickham  
**Edward Jenner Wood V** - your friends, Trip Hobbs, Hunter Ross, and Leighton Teden  
**Edward Jenner Wood V** - Stuart and Martha Bonner and family  
**Elizabeth and Thomas Wright** - Al, Ellie, Thomas, and Patrick  
**Martin Wygod** - The Banwell family  
**Doris Zakar** - The Moore and Atwater families  
**Bob Zarzour** - Grace, Katie, Betsy, and Taylor Zarzour

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## To the glory of God and in thanksgiving for - given by

**Sandy Akers and Patricia Norman** - John, Lucy, Allie, and Katie  
**Amanda and Bob Anders** - Their adoring grandsons: Henry, Everett, Tommy, and Wade  
**Kennedy Taylor Gibson** - Brian and Mary Gibson  
**Vic and Jennifer Grainger** - Virginia and Billy Wynn  
**Baxter, Anette, Olivia, and Lucas Hufham** - Genie Hufham  
**Ellen and Ned Hardison** - Lilly and Huntley Bossong, Kate and Will Hardison, Lucy and Hooper Hardison, Fully, Frank, Ellen, Beau, Wallace, Ned, Shep, Hannah, and Ansley  
**Jane and Flynn Harris** - Flynn, Hayes, and Mary Neal Harris  
**Barbara Piekutowski** - Ian, Amanda, Davis, John, and Reid Piekutowski  
**Barbara Plumlee** - Derick and Sallie Close  
**Barbara Plumlee** - Dick, Betsy, Lindsey, Graves, Stewart, Lanier, and Sallie  
**Katy Thompson** - John Carlson  
**Virginia, Crawford, Henry, Everett, Tommy, Wade, and their parents** - Amanda and Bob Anders

**Our children and grandchildren** - Louise and Jim Bonner  
**Our daughters: Wallace and Shields** - Your parents, Grace and Livingston Moyd  
**Our godchildren: Addison, Andrew, Jay, Dupree, and Lelah Grace** - Grace and Livingston Moyd  
**Our grandchildren: Jack, Sallie, and Reeves** - Derick and Sallie Close  
**Our children and godchildren: Weber, Addison, Alaris, and Avery** - Bates and Emily Adair  
**Our children, their spouses, and our grandchildren: Baxter, John, and Jack Petrone; Claude, Mary, Sallie and Reeves Close; and Craddock Close** - Derick and Sallie Close  
**Our parents** - Bates and Emily Adair  
**Beeland Voellinger and the Christ Church Altar Guild** - The Wolcott family  
**Christ Church Ushers** - Tom Poe  
**Christ Church Music Staff** - Theresa and Paul Gibson  
**Christ Church Clergy and Staff** - Carol and Bill Lorenz  
**The Clergy - Chip, Joshua, Connor, Joan, Elizabeth, and Allen** - Shaun Fisher Fellers

The Christ Church clergy, staff, and lay leadership wish you and your family a most blessed Christmas and a very happy new year!

### Christmas Offering

The Outreach & Mission Commission of Christ Church has designated this year's Christmas Offerings to support the work of Proverbs226, Roof Above, and Nourish Up. Proverbs226 is committed to healing families affected by parental incarceration. Roof Above is a comprehensive homeless service provider serving 1,200 people per day. Nourish Up provides groceries and meals to more than 200,000 people in Mecklenburg County facing food insecurity.



All Christmas donations support these organizations. If you would like to make a gift using the "I Gave Online" cards, select "Holy Days Offering, Christmas" from the drop down menu. We thank you for the transformational power of your generosity.

### Upcoming Worship Services

**Wednesday, December 25** at 11 am, Christmas Day Eucharist  
*(No All Saints' Hall services)*

**Sunday, December 29** at 11 am, Christmas Lessons and Carols  
*(No All Saints' Hall services)*



**Direct Connection for Hearing Impaired**  
 Worshipers with hearing aids may switch their device to "T" or telephone setting to receive a direct signal from our microphone system in the Church.

### Connect With Christ Church

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The Reverend Chip Edens, Rector  
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 The Reverend Connor Gwin  
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 The Reverend Lisa Saunders  
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